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The document contained in the Evidence Appendix has never been entered and deemed improper because: the document was submitted after the prosecution has been closed, i.e., after the mailing date of the Final Rejection.

It has been found that, there is no correlation between the document and the named filter disclosed in the specification.

It has also been found that the document appears to be an attempt by the Applicant to redefine the meaning of the term "boron-less filter", which has been explicitly defined in the specification, i.e., on record, to be "an air filter from which no boron is released", page 8, line 25 to page 9 line 1.

It appears that the Applicant has full knowledge of the document but choose to submitted it after the prosecution has been closed.

  
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